

this state is going to have a sales tax before the year is over. Therefore, next year when you come back, you want to remove the sales tax on food in just Omaha, Bellevue, and Lincoln, you're going to have every community and North Platte is in it now. They all intend to get into it. So, therefore, they'll all be losing revenues and we'll all be pinching them. The fact is while there are very few cities engaged in sales tax now is the time to treat the issue right and properly. The debate we've had this morning does not really confront the issue. I'm saying think of what it's going to be when all cities levy the additional penny for sales tax. Then the attempt to remove the tax from food will be virtually impossible, because few have the courage to make that decision then.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I appreciate Senator Koch's statements. I'd just like to say that this bill is by no means perfect. It has a lot of weaknesses; it doesn't eliminate sales tax on food, but I think at this point it's the best we can get. I would respectfully move that debate cease and that we move the bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: You were the last one that I have to speak. We're ready for the closing. Senator Maresh, we're ready for your closing right now.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. If there are any doubts about the impact of this bill, we could always amend it on Select File. I move that this bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion then is the advance of LB 30 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 11 nays, 11 not voting.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: LB 30 is advanced to E & R Initial.

CLERK: Mr. President, a new bill, LB 220A, introduced by Senator Schmit. Read LB 220A.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That is introduced and goes along with LB 220.

CLERK: Mr. President. Read Public Works hearings. Signed Senator Kremer, Chairman. That's all, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Are there any other reports?

CLERK: None.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I move we adjourn until 9:00 tomorrow morning.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All those in favor of adjourning to 9:00 Thursday morning say aye, oppose nay. We are adjourned.

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